

## CLAIMS

1. - Program Clock Reference correction method in a transmission over a downlink in an integrated multispot satellite communication system (S) in which said downlink is transmitted in burst mode and comprises a plurality of multiplexed, modulated and compressed packets, corresponding to at least one user (a1, a2, b1, c1, c2, c3 and c4), characterised in that said Program Clock Reference correction is calculated in terms of a distance (d) defined between a real position of a packet (a12) and an estimated position of said packet, the estimated position being that which said packet (a12) would occupy if the downlink had not been compressed in a modulation and compression stage.

2. - Method of claim 1 in which said correction is defined by means of the following formula:

$$C_{PCR} = t_{dpack} \cdot d$$

where:

"C<sub>PCR</sub>" is the correction factor;

"d" is the distance between the real position and the estimated position of the packet; and

"t<sub>dpack</sub>" is the duration in time of a packet in the downlink frame.

3. - Method according to any of the previous claims in which said distance (d) is defined by means of the following formula:

$$d = n_d - \frac{n_{dt}}{n_{ut}} \cdot n_u$$

where:

n<sub>d</sub> is the number of the downlink position of the packet in process;

n<sub>dt</sub> is the total number of packets in the downlink frame;

n<sub>ut</sub> is the total number of packets per frame and user; and

n<sub>u</sub> is the number of the uplink position of the packet in process.

and where both n<sub>d</sub> and n<sub>u</sub> start counting from zero.

4. - Method according to any of the previous claims in which said transmission is carried out in MPEG2 transport streams in TDMA format.

5. - Integrated multispot satellite communication system (S) for carrying out the method of claim 1.